AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-22 (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) An image data retrieval apparatus comprising:

a database for registering a plurality of images;

a display unit for displaying an image registered in the image database;

a designator for designating an image area of the registered image displayed on the display unit; and

a controller for cutting out image data corresponding to the registered image data and retrieving a desired image data containing image data which is identical ~~or analogous~~ to the image data cut out from the database, wherein the cutout image data is the actual image of the displayed image.

24. (Previously presented) The image data retrieval apparatus of claim 23, wherein the image corresponding to the image area is an image of a face of a person.

25-26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) An image data retrieval method comprising:

registering a plurality of images in a database;

displaying an image registered in the database on a display unit;

designating an image area of the registered image displayed on the display unit;

cutting out image data corresponding to the designated image area of the registered image; and

retrieving a desired image containing image data which is identical ~~or analogous~~ to the image data cut out from the registered image, wherein the cutout image data is the actual image of the displayed image.

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28. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium having program code stored thereon which, when executed by a machine, causes the machine to perform a method for retrieving image data from an image database, the method executed by said machine comprising:

registering a plurality of images in a database;

displaying an image registered in the database on a display unit;

designating an image area of the registered image displayed on the display unit;

cutting out image data corresponding to the designated image area of the registered image; and

retrieving a desired image containing image data which is identical ~~or analogous~~ to the image data cut out from the registered image, wherein the cutout image data is the actual image of the displayed image.